January 2012
Status of Forces Survey of Reserve Component Members

Future Role of the Reserve Component

September 2012

BRIEFING OVERVIEW

- Retention and Support for Activations/Deployments
- Preferences for Activations/Deployments
- Future Activations

REPORTING CATEGORIES

This Briefing Includes:

Reserve Component
ARNG
USAR
USNR
USMCR
ANG
USAFR
Rank
Enlisted
Warrant Officers
Commissioned Officers
Reserve Program
Guard/Reserve Unit/IMA
AGR/FTS/AR
Principal Civilian Employment
Government
Non-Government

Activated/Deployed Since 9-11-2001
Not Deployed
Deployed
Not Activated
Activated
Voluntary
Involuntary
Both Voluntary and Involuntary
Activated but Not Deployed
Gender
Male
Female
Marital Status
Single
Married

Full Briefing Also Includes:

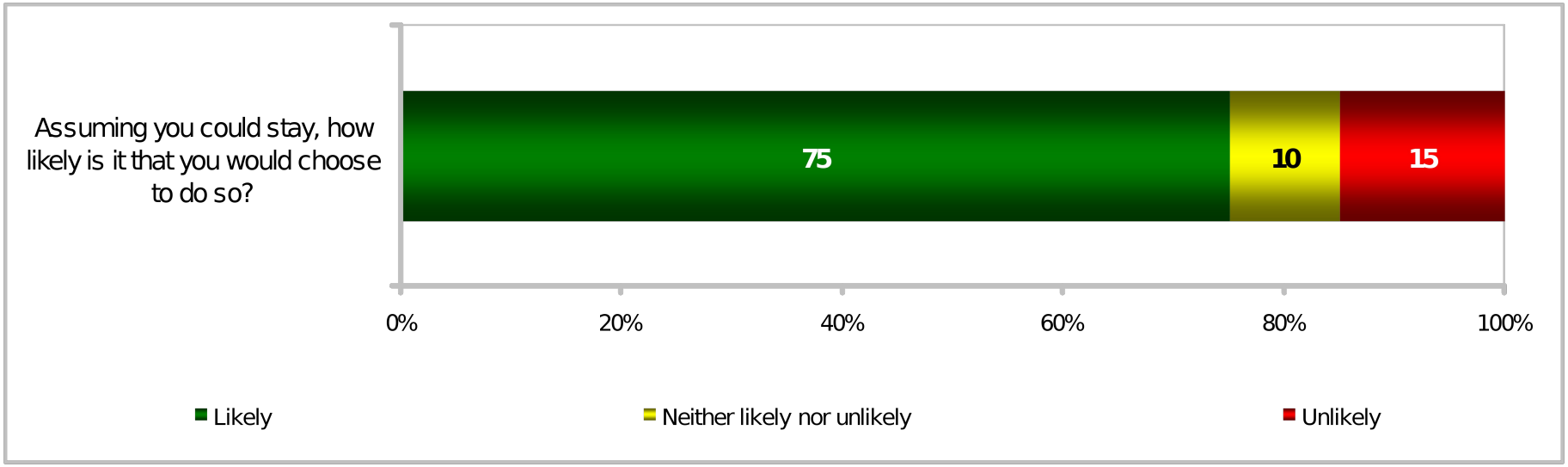
Component by Paygrade
ARNG Enlisted
ARNG Officers
USAR Enlisted
USAR Officers
USNR Enlisted
USNR Officers
USMCR Enlisted
USMCR Officers
ANG Enlisted
ANG Officers
USAFR Enlisted
USAFR Officers
Paygrade
E1 – E4
E5 – E7
E8 – E9
O1 – O3
O4 – O6

Enlisted Years of Service (YOS)
3 to Less Than 6 YOS
6 to Less Than 8 YOS
8 to Less Than 12 YOS
12 to Less Than 16 YOS
16 to Less Than 20 YOS
20 YOS or More
Employment
Part-Time Civilian Employment
AGR Status
IMA
Unemployed (Voluntarily)
Unemployed (Seeking Employment)
Paygrade
Male Enlisted
Male Officers
Female Enlisted
Female Officers

Principal Civilian Employment
Government
Non-Government
Federal Government
State Government
Local Government
Private/Public
Not-for-Profit
Self-Employed/Family Business/Farm
Student/Employment
Student Full-Time
Student Part-Time
Student and Employed Full-Time
Student and Employed Part-Time
Family Status
Single w/ Child(ren)/Dep
Single w/o Child(ren)/Dep
Married w/ Child(ren)/Dep
Married w/o

Likelihood To Stay in National Guard/Reserve

Percent of All Reserve Component Members



- Higher responses of *likely* to stay – USNR (80%); ANG (84%); USAFR (79%); WO (84%); CO (83%)
- Higher responses of *unlikely* to stay – ARNG (17%); USMCR (24%); Enlisted (16%)

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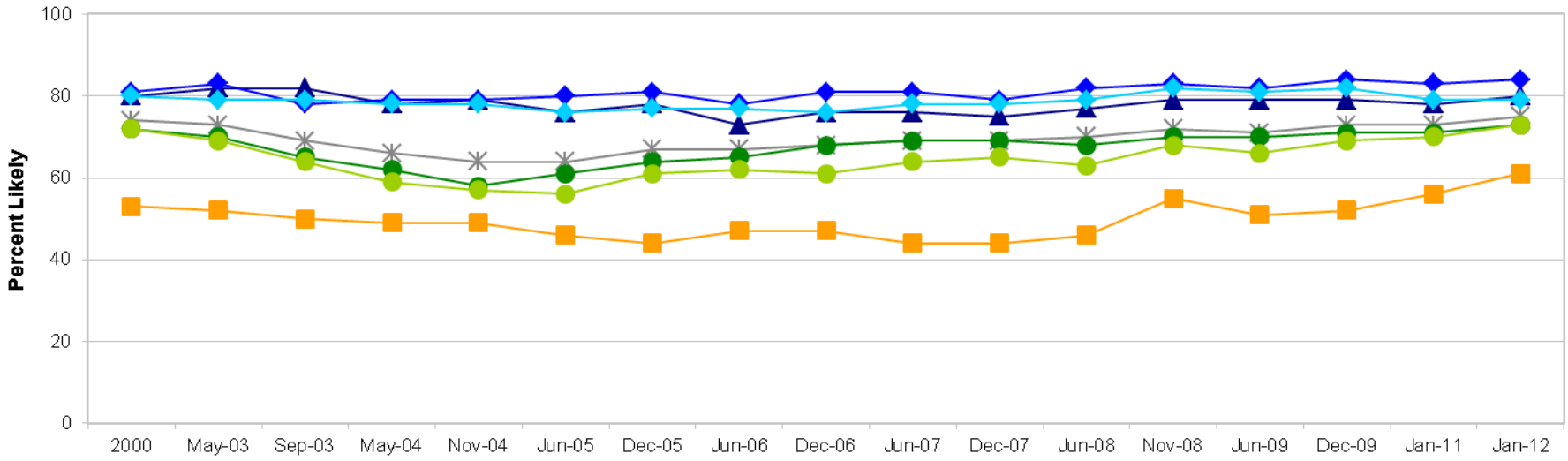
Likelihood To Stay in National Guard/Reserve

Percent of All Reserve Component Members, by Component



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Total	74	73	69	66	64	64	67	67	68	69	69	70	72	71	73	73	75
ARNG	72	70	65	62	58	61	64	65	68	69	69	68	70	70	71	71	73
USAR	72	69	64	59	57	56	61	62	61	64	65	63	68	66	69	70	73
USNR	80	82	82	78	79	76	78	73	76	76	75	77	79	79	79	78	80
USMCR	53	52	50	49	49	46	44	47	47	44	44	46	55	51	52	56	61
ANG	81	83	78	79	79	80	81	78	81	81	79	82	83	82	84	83	84
USAFR	80	79	79	78	78	76	77	77	76	78	78	79	82	81	82	79	79

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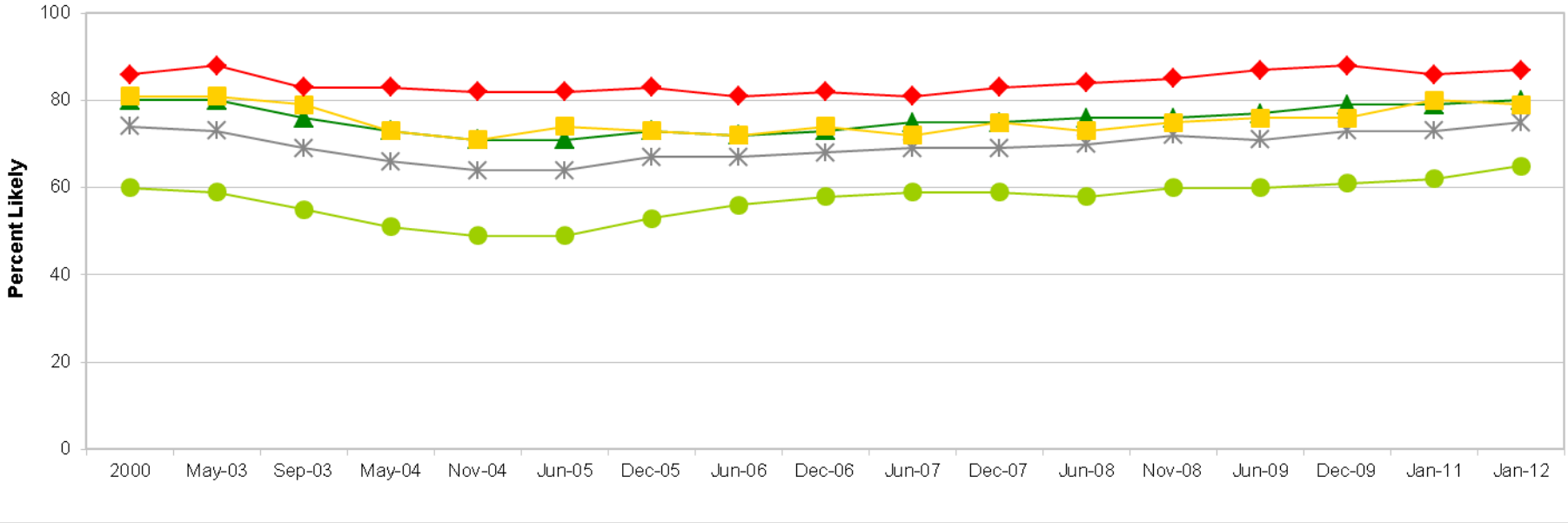
Likelihood To Stay in National Guard/Reserve

Percent of All Reserve Component Members, by Paygrade



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E1-E4	60	59	55	51	49	49	53	56	58	59	59	58	60	60	61	62	65
E5-E9	80	80	76	73	71	71	73	72	73	75	75	76	76	77	79	79	80
O1-O3	81	81	79	73	71	74	73	72	74	72	75	73	75	76	76	80	79
O4-O6	86	88	83	83	82	82	83	81	82	81	83	84	85	87	88	86	87

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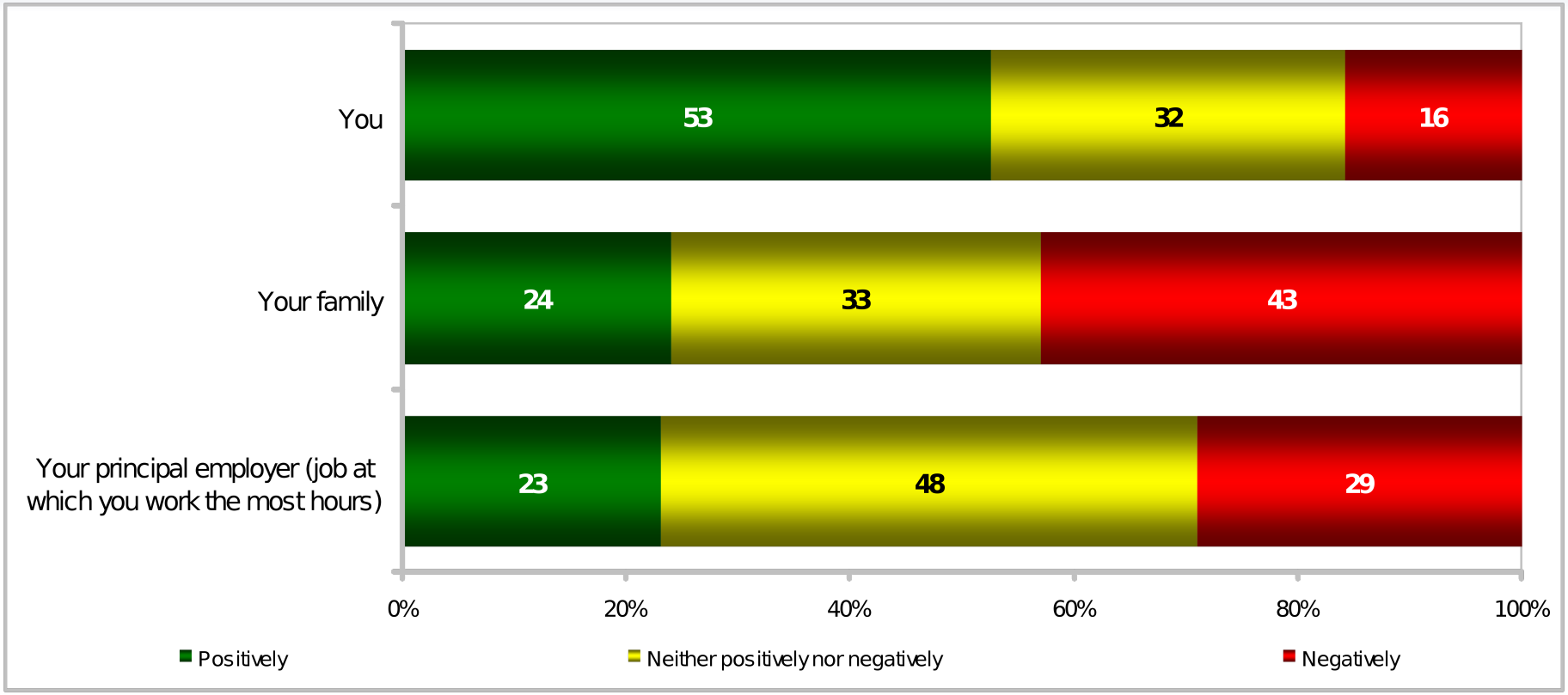
Effects of Repeated Deployments

Percent of Reserve Component Members Activated More Than 30 Consecutive Days and Deployed More Than Once Since 9-11-2001



Higher response of *positive* effect on:
- Member – USNR (64%); USMCR (61%); CO (57%)
- Family – Enlisted (25%)
- Employer – ANG (28%); Enlisted (24%)

Higher response of *negative* effect on:
- Member – ARNG (20%)
- Family – ARNG (47%); WO (53%); CO (47%)
- Employer – CO (39%)

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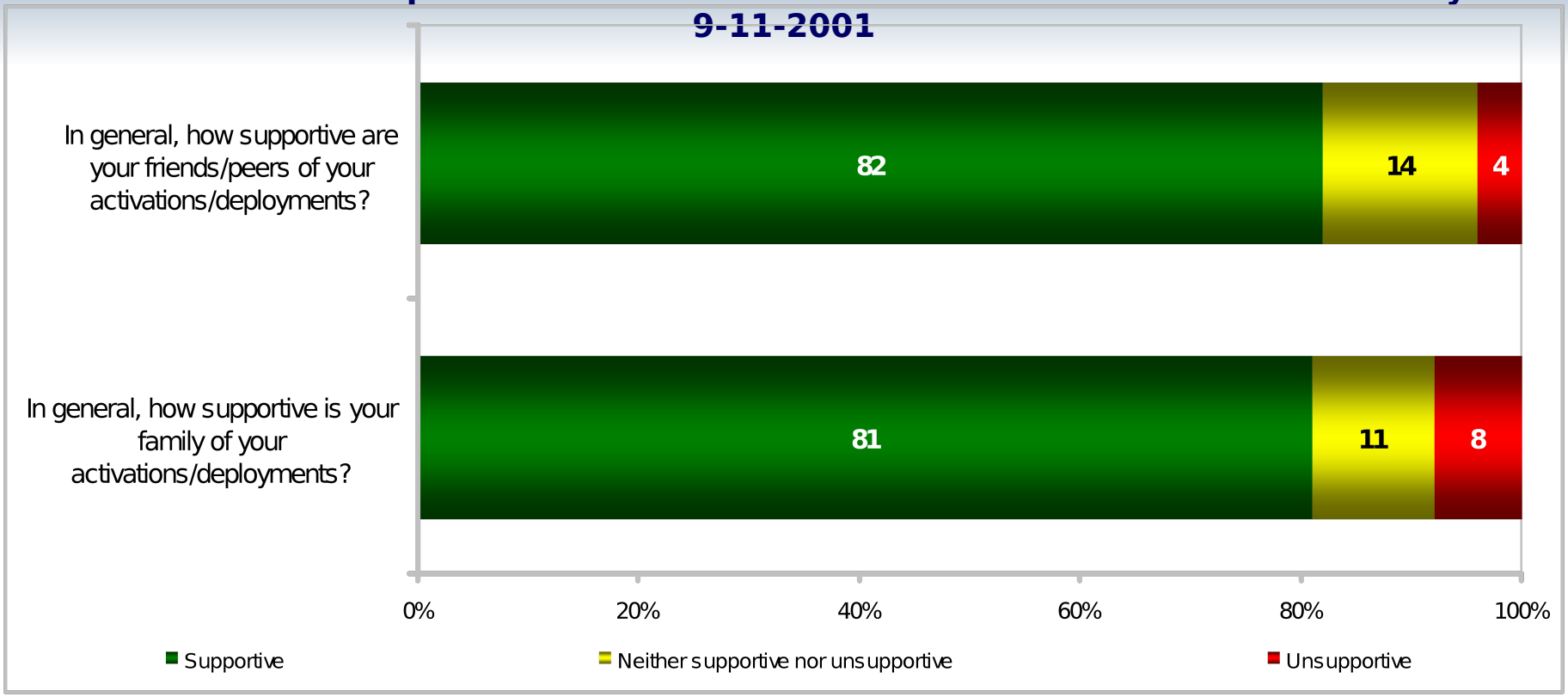
Support for Activations/Deployments

Percent of Reserve Component Members Activated More Than 30 Consecutive Days Since 9-11-2001



Higher responses of *supportive*:
- Friends/peers – ANG (85%); CO (85%); Married (83%)
- Family – ANG (84%); Enlisted (82%)

Higher responses of *unsupportive*:
- Friends/peers – USAR (5%);
- Family – ARNG (9%); WO (14%); CO (9%)

No significant differences in support for Traditional Reserve/Guard/IMA vs AGR/FTS/AR members or Male vs Female members.

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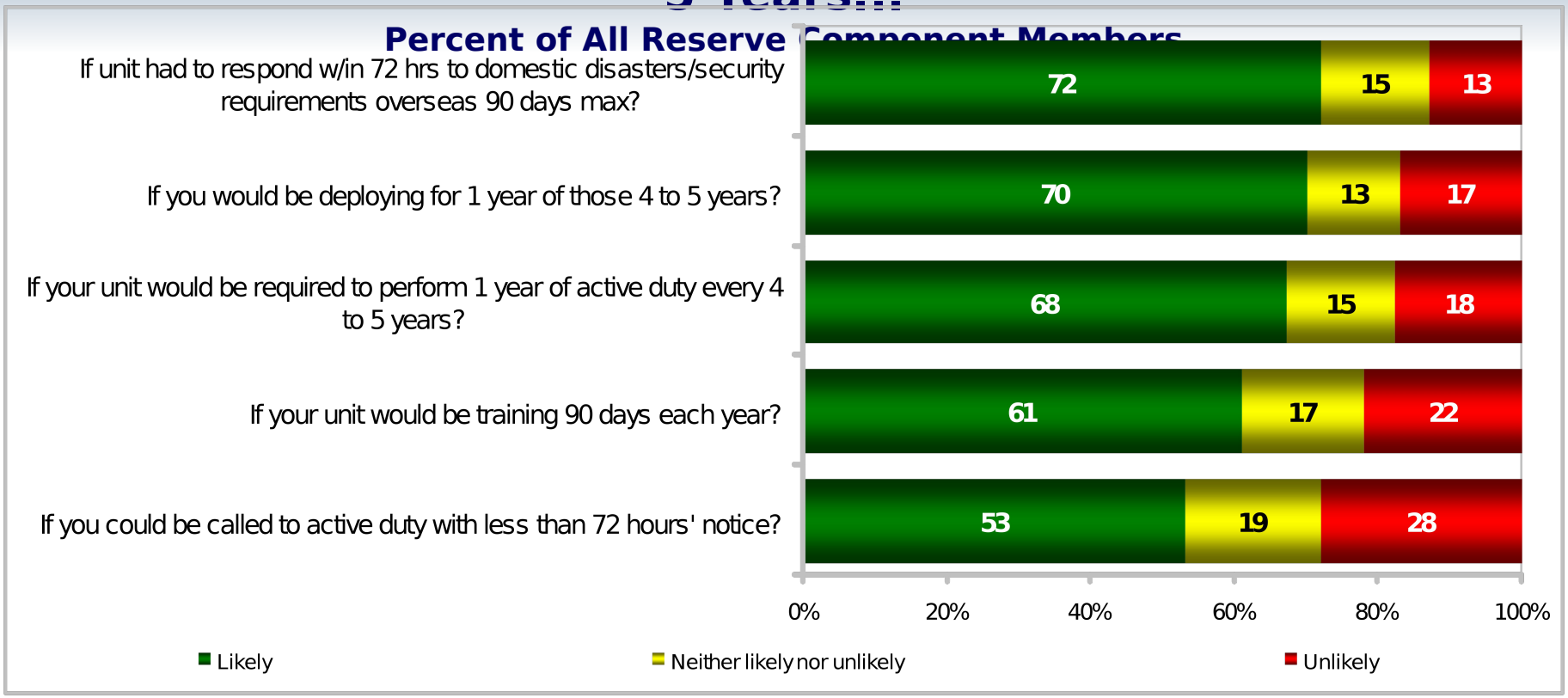
Likelihood To Stay in National Guard/Reserve for Another 4 to 5 Years…



Higher responses –

- Unit response within 72 hours for 90 days max – *Likely*: ARNG (75%); *Unlikely*: USAR (15%)
- Member deploying 1 of 4-5 years – *Likely*: ARNG & USAR (73%); *Unlikely*: ANG (23%); USAFR (25%
- Unit performing 1 yr of AD every 4-5 yrs – *Likely*: ARNG (70%); USAR (71%); *Unlikely*: ANG & USAFR (25%)
- Member called to AD w/ less than 72 hours' notice – *Likely*: ANG (56%); *Unlikely*: USAR (30%)

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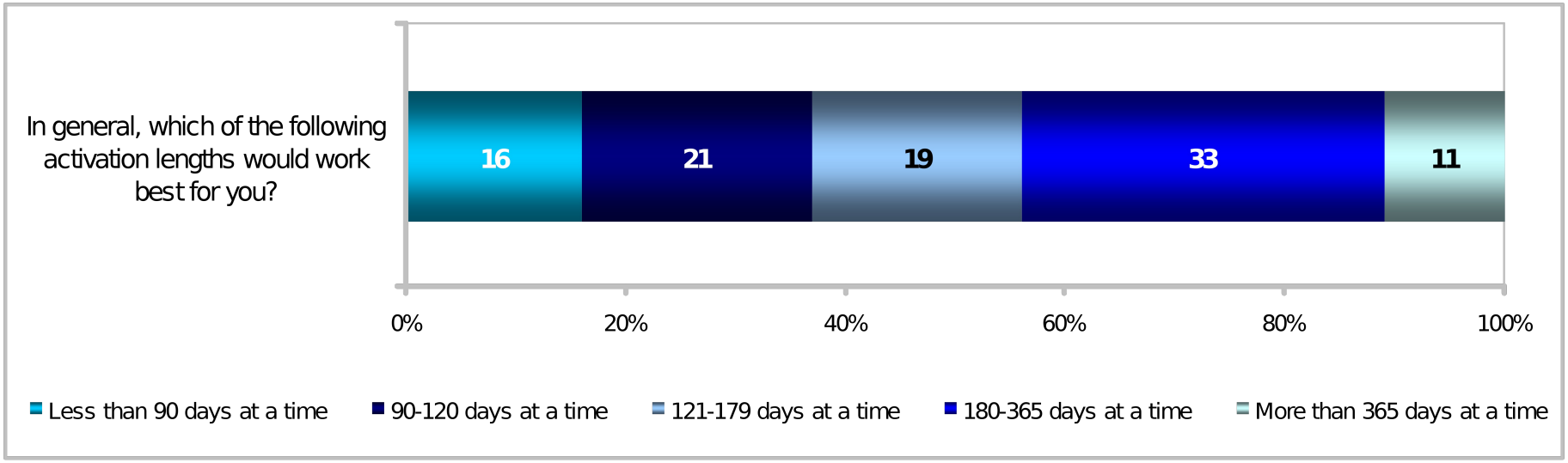
Preferred Activation Lengths
Percent of All Reserve Component Members



Higher responses of preferred activation lengths:

- *Less than 90 days at a time* – ANG (33%); USAFR (29%); CO (20%); Female (23%)
- *90-120 days at a time* – ANG (36%); USAFR (35%); Govt (24%); Female (27%)
- *121-179 days at a time* – WO (32%); CO (23%); Govt (21%); Married (20%)
- *180-365 days at a time* – ARNG (41%); USAR (39%); USMCR (38%); Enlisted (34%); Non-Govt (34%); Male (35%)
- *More than 365 days at a time* – ARNG (12%); USAR (15%); USMCR (15%); Enlisted (12%); Non-Govt (12%); Male (12%); Single (13%)

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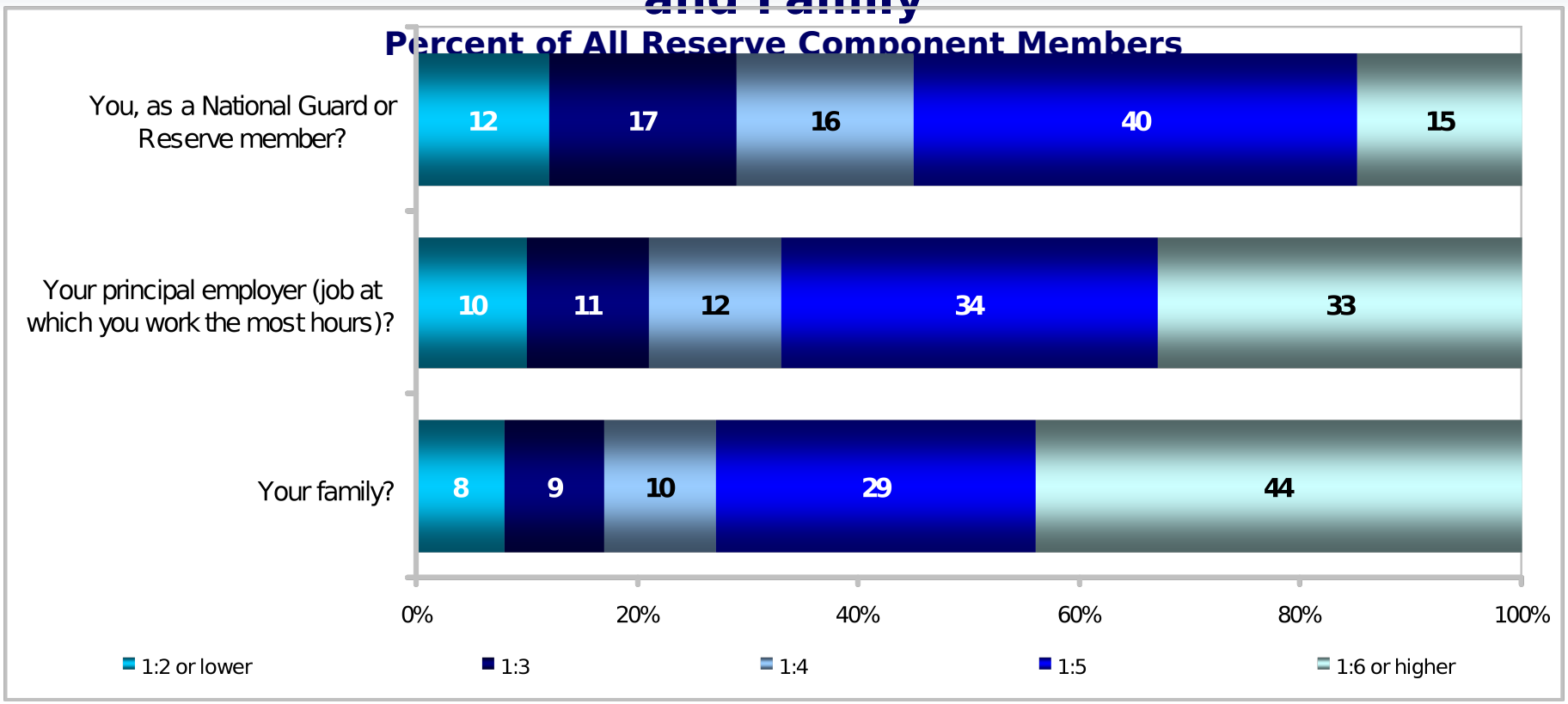
Activation Ratio That Works Best for Member, Principal Employer, and Family



Member:
- *1:2 or lower* (USMCR 22%)
- *1:3* (USMCR 24%)
- *1:5* (USNR 43%)
- *1:6+* (ANG 23%; USAFR 21%)

Employer:
- *1:2 or lower* (USMCR 13%)
- *1:3* & *1:4* (USMCR 15%)
- *1:6+* (USNR 36%; ANG 39%; USAFR 38%)

Family:
- *1:3* (USMCR 13%)
- *1:6+* (ANG 51%)

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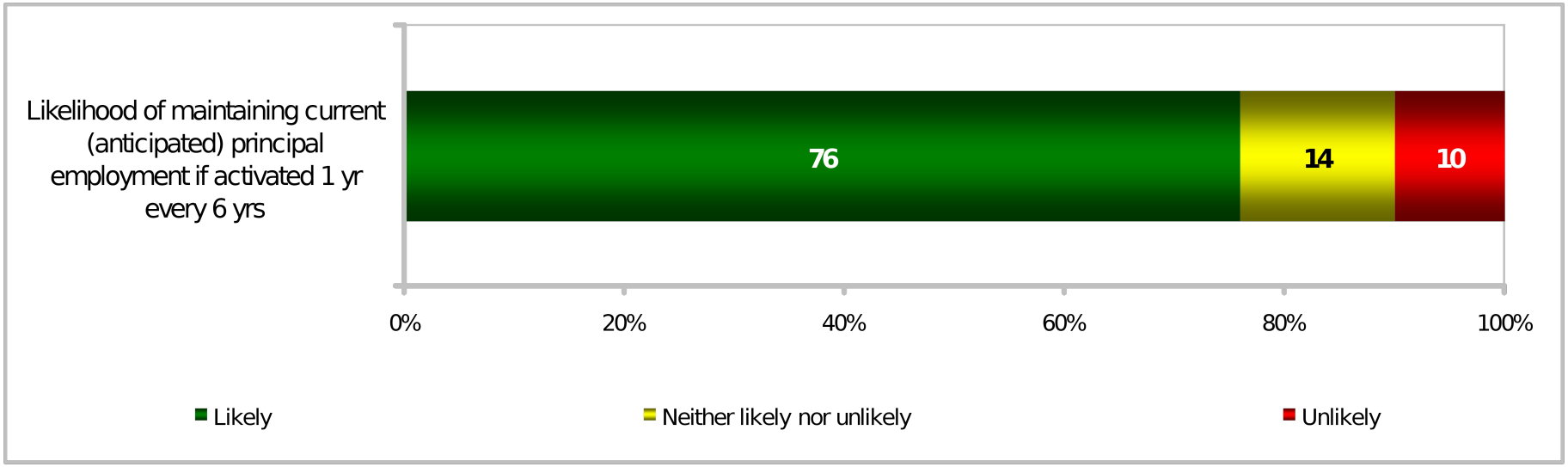
Likelihood of Maintaining Principal Employment If Activated for 1 Year Every 6 Years

Percent of All Reserve Component Members



- Higher responses of *likely* – ARNG (78%); WO (84%)
- Higher responses of *unlikely* – ANG (12%); USAFR (14%); CO (13%)

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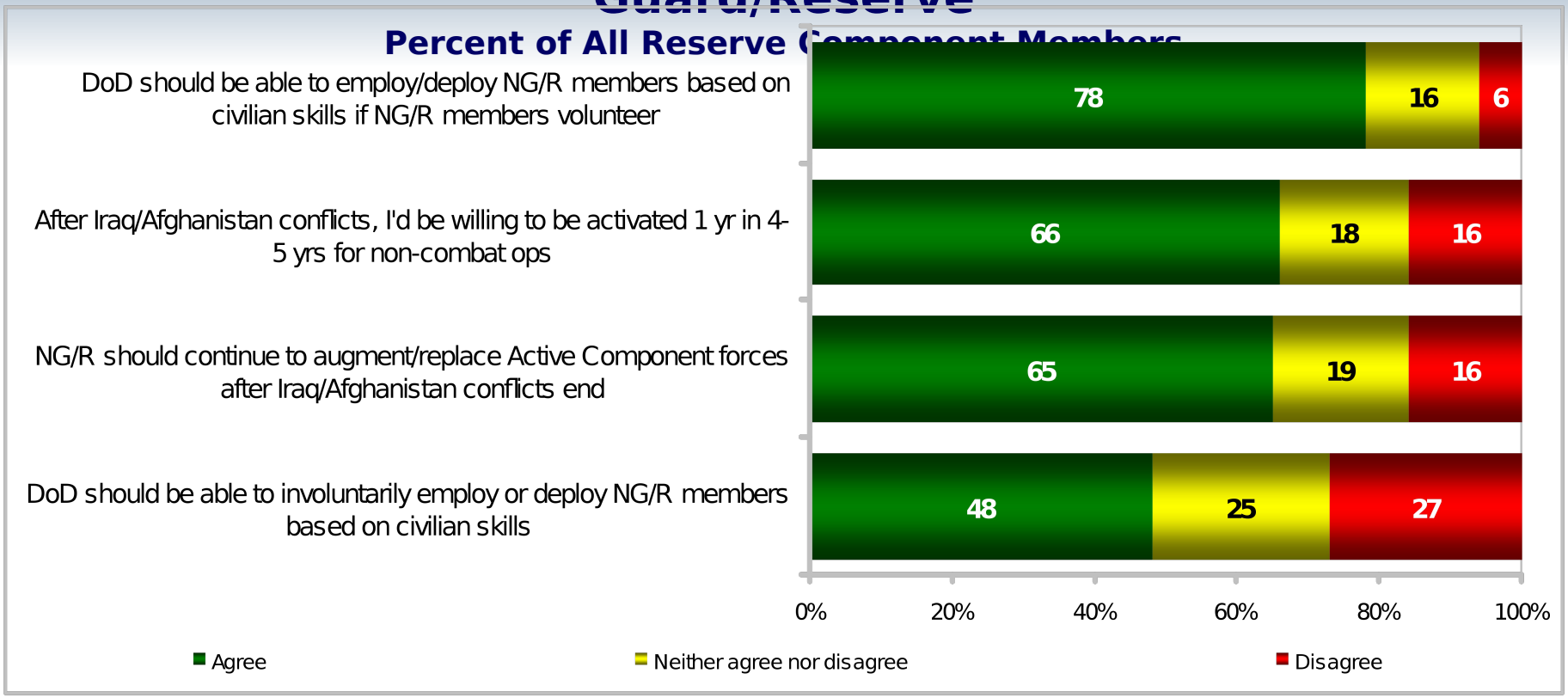
Agreement With Statements About Serving in National Guard/Reserve



Higher responses of *agreement*:

- Use civ skills if NG/R members volunteer – USNR (80%); CO (86%)
- Willing to be activated 1 yr in 4-5 yrs for non-combat ops – ARNG (69%); USAR (72%); Enlisted (67%)
- NG/R augment/replace AC after conflicts end – USAR (68%); USMCR (71%); CO (69%)
- Involuntarily use NG/R members' civilian skills – USAR (54%); USNR (59%)
- No significant differences in Traditional Reserve/Guard/IMA vs AGR/FTS/AR agreement

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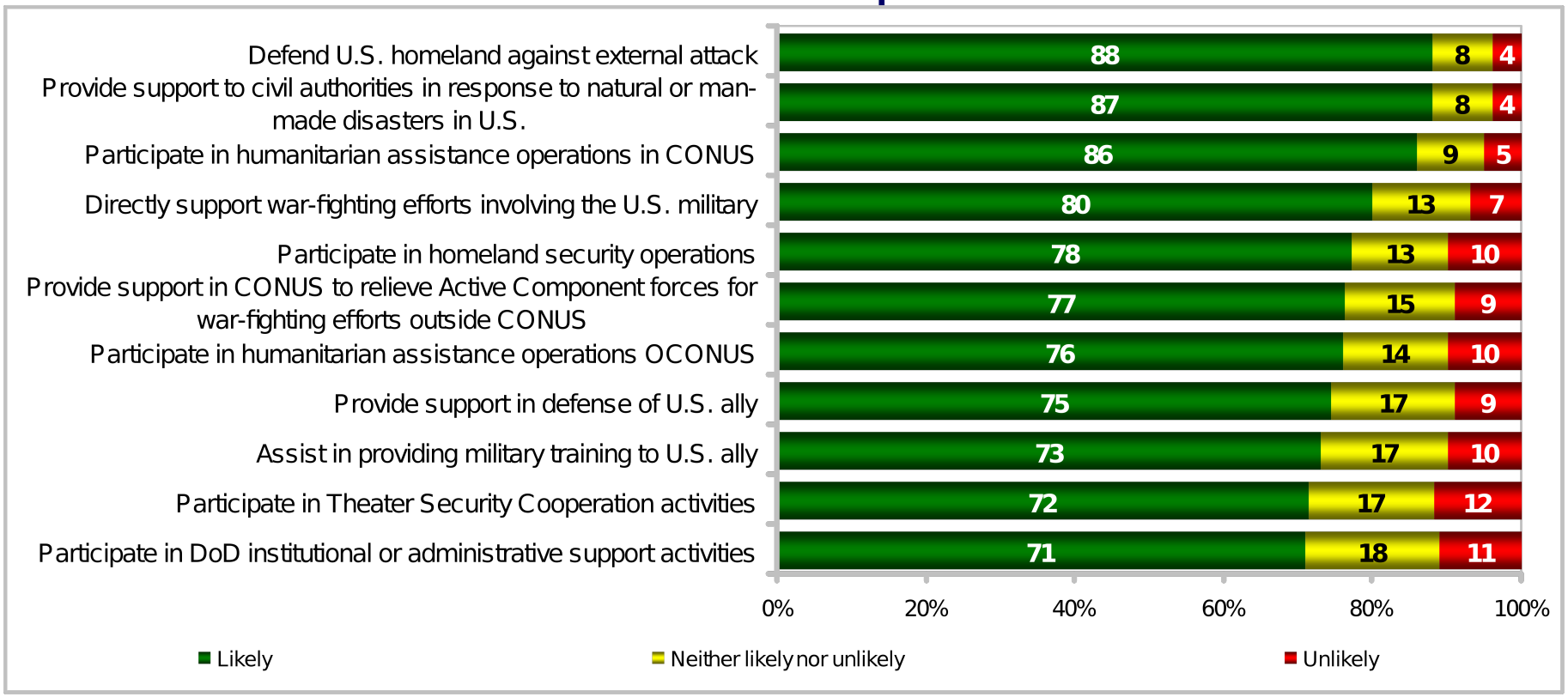
In 2012: Willingness To Be Activated Away From Current Unit Location for Specific Causes

Percent of All Reserve Component Members



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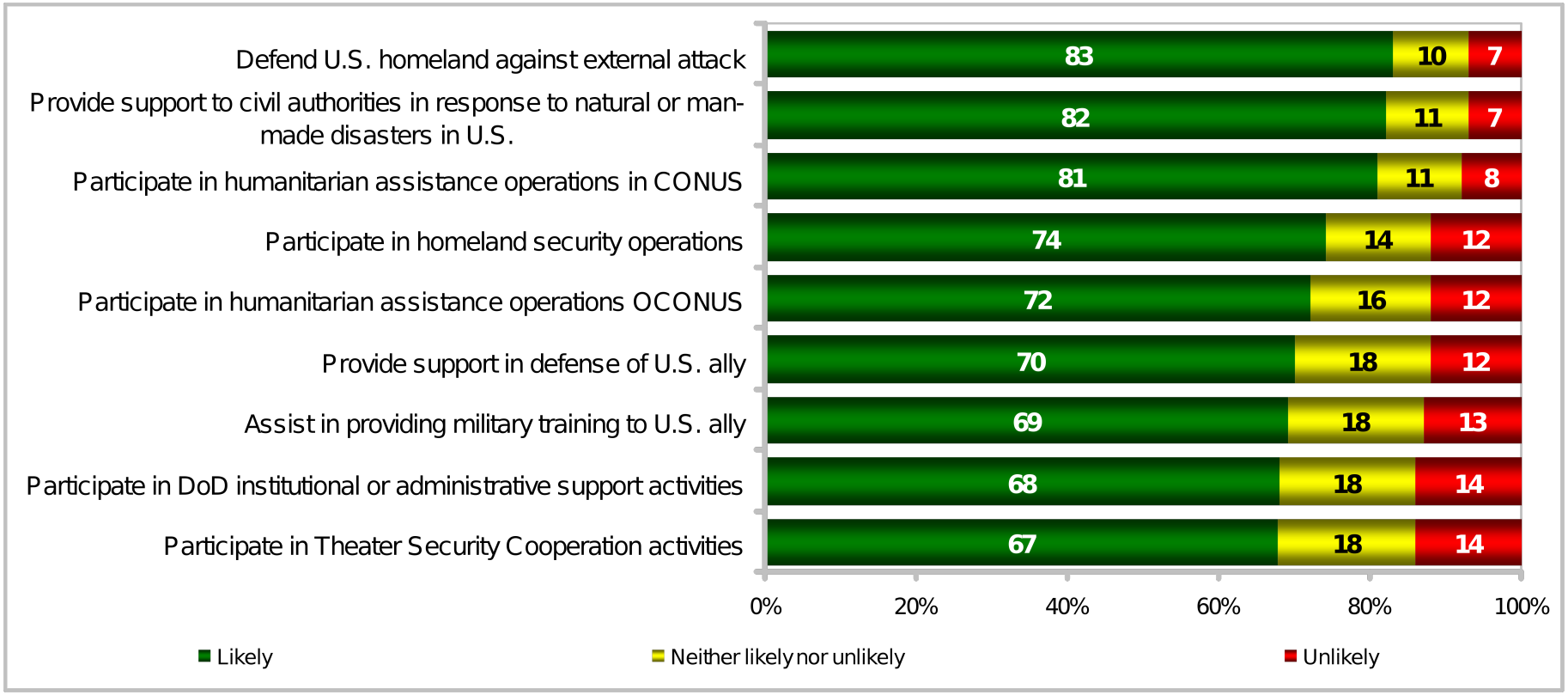
In 2020: Willingness To Be Activated Away From Unit Location for Specific Causes

Percent of All Reserve Component Members



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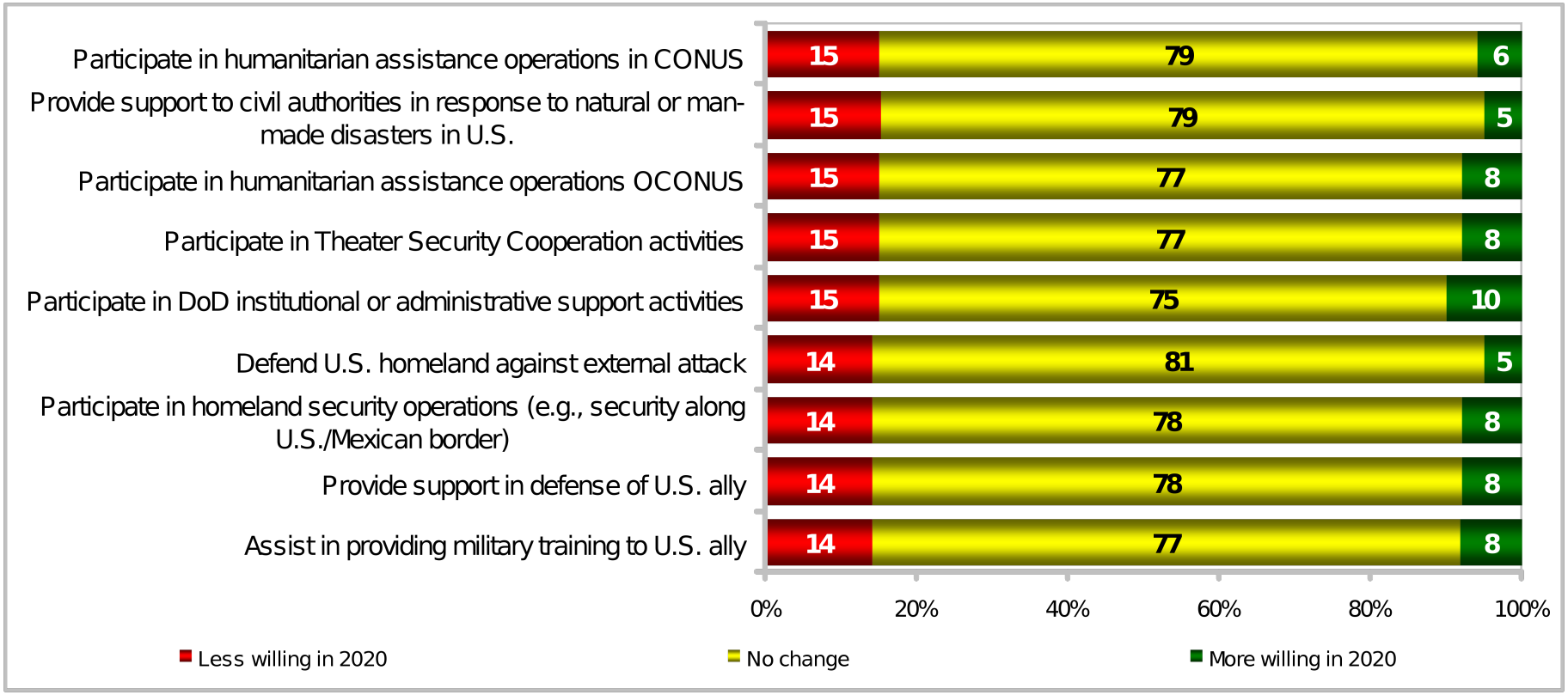
2012 vs 2020: Change in Willingness To Be Activated for Specific Causes

Percent of All Reserve Component Members



No significant differences in willingness from 2012 to 2020 among Reserve components except for the following:

- Higher responses of "*More willing in 2020*" – Participate in humanitarian assistance ops OCONUS (ARNG 9%); homeland security ops (USAR 9%); TSC activities (ANG 9%)
- Higher responses of "*Less willing in 2020*" – Provide support in defense of U.S. ally (ANG 16%)

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- Briefing covering all survey topics posted 19 Sep on DoD-wide Web site above

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